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The Valley Star will break for finals, Jan. 18-22 and resume publication Feb. 4, after the semester break.

# Valley Star

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The Valley College Library will close Jan. 29-31, and Feb. 1 & 2 for the semester break. They will resume regular hours Wednesday, Feb. 3.

## Celebration of King's birthday slated for Valley Tomorrow

By JANINE PACKER  
Staff Writer

A holiday celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, is planned as part of Valley College's curriculum program tomorrow, on campus.

All students are invited to attend the celebration sponsored by ASB, and hosted by the BSU (Black Students Union), Jamaa Umojah club, and the Black and Latin Ethnic Studies Department, announced Helain George, ASB commissioner of Black Ethnic Studies.

The event will include a scheduled program of films, speakers, singing, dancing, panel discussions, a pot luck dinner, and birthday cake for everyone. The films will be viewed in the Little Theatre; all other activities are planned to be held outdoors by Campus Center, according to Ala Morris, president of Jamaa Umojah.

The highlight of the program, said Morris, is speaker Dr. Anyim, of Marcus Garvey Schools. Anyim is expected to bring his third grade

students who study, as part of their curriculum, "Arithmetic for College Students" to demonstrate their learning abilities.

Morris said, "Dr. Anyim has appeared on the TV show '60 Minutes,' discussing race relations in America."

"How it feels to be White and the oppression a White person feels when working within the Black movement from both Whites and Blacks," will be discussed by Kay Benson, a student in one of Barbara T. Stoffer's Black ethnic study classes, said Stoffer.

Dr. Gloria E. Miranda, of the Latin Studies Department, will speak on "The influence Dr. King had on the Latin population of America." Also, according to Stoffer, a panel from the Black Studies Department will discuss the relationship between Black men and women in modern society, giving supporting statistics in education and jobs.

President Mary Lee is scheduled for an opening speech. According to Dr. Lee, "Students are

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## Protest urged by teacher over King holiday rejection

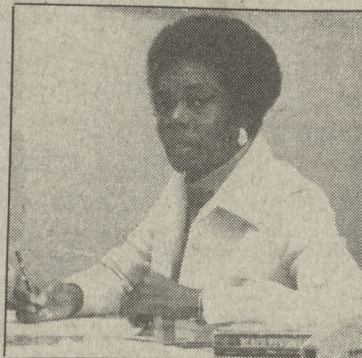
By KEVIN UHRICH  
Managing Editor

Activities have been planned to celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. at Valley tomorrow. According to the chairperson of the Afro-American Studies Department, Barbara Stoffer, these activities are also a form of protest against the County Board of Supervisor's decision not to recognize January 15 as a County holiday.

The controversy stems from a recent Board of Supervisor's decision to vote down the proposal to make January 15, King's birthday, a County holiday. The Board has drawn sharp criticism from Los Angeles' Black community and may face a large-scale

boycott by County employees on that day.

Tuesday, compromising an official stand on the issue both Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and City Councilman Dave Cunningham urged County and City employees to elect to take the day off. County and city employees both were encouraged to use their



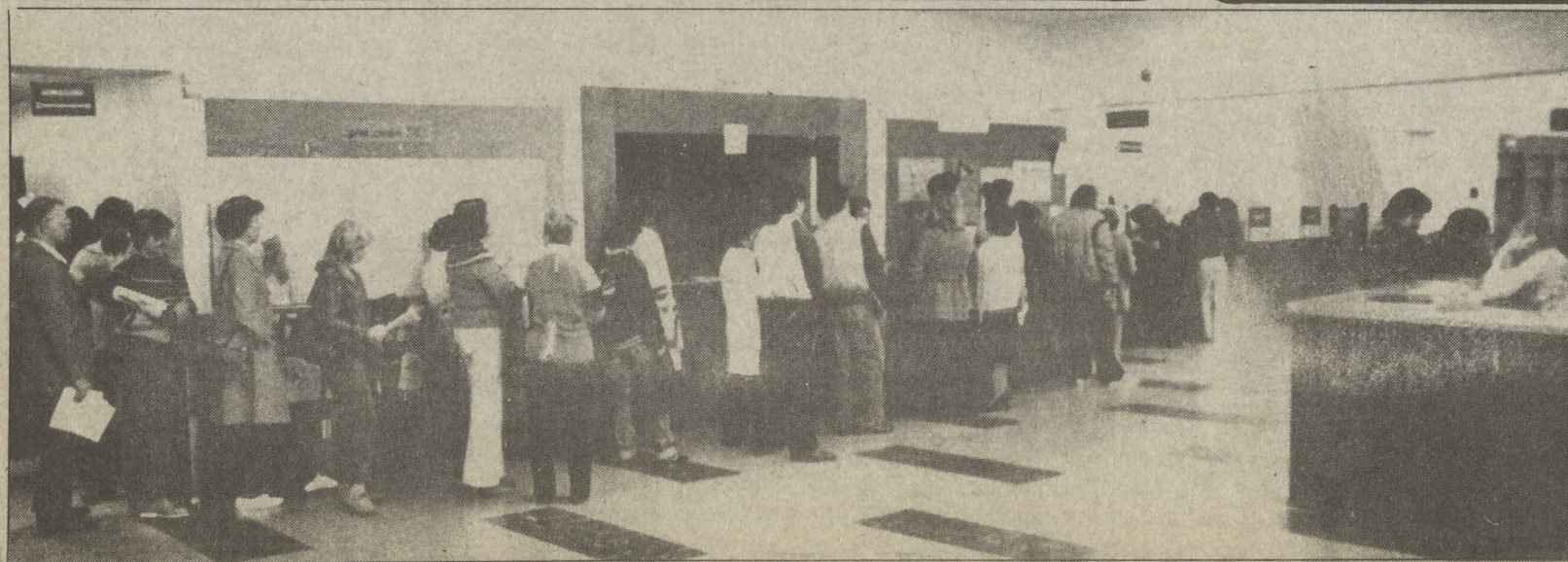
BARBARA STOFFER

"floating" holiday. This is a holiday stipulated in their contracts for no specific reason.

A program will be presented at Valley tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. commemorating the life of the slain civil rights activist and religious leader. Stoffer feels that people should attend the program and "make a personal commitment to support the boycott by not working and not going to class."

The current schedule of events is sponsored by the Associated Student Body (ASB), in conjunction with the Black Students Union (BSU) and the Afro-American Studies Department, but is not sanctioned by

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**ENROLLMENT LINES** — Long lines are again commonplace in the Administration Building and Monarch Hall, as enrollment hit a record level. More than 1,200 students enroll per day, compared to about 800 in previous semesters.

Star photo by DAVE HOLZMAN

## Evening classes popular

## Valley, District post highest enrollment

By BRIAN DEAGON  
and DOUG SCOTT  
Staff Writers

More students are registering at Valley than ever before, reports Dr. Merle Fish, coordinator of admissions and records.

About 5,500 students showed up for registration in the first week, averaging 1,100 per day, compared to about 800 per day in previous semesters.

In Fall, '81, 22,671 students enrolled at Valley, a .9 percent increase over Fall, '80, according to a Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) news release.

Additionally, the district enrollment reached an all-time high of 139,168 for Fall, '81, a 3.4 percent increase over last year. This figure surpassed peak enrollment in 1975-76, when the total was 137,031.

The largest increases were reported by L.A. Harbor, Mission, and Southwest Colleges, while Pierce held the highest enrollment of 23,770, a three percent increase.

"Traditionally we have experienced increases in enrollment during times of economic difficulty. With the increase in fees at four-year universities and general economic conditions which are forcing people back to school for re-training, more people are enrolling in community colleges," said Dr. Leslie Koltai, district chancellor.

For the first time since 1975-76, the day enrollment increase of 5.8 percent was greater

than the gain in evening enrollment, of .2 percent.

At Valley, however, administrators expect evening classes to fill to capacity quickly. Figures obtained from Dr. Fred Machetanz, coordinator of research at Valley, shows the number of evening students for Fall '81 at 10,484, compared with the number of day students, 9,018. Students who attend both day and evening account for 3,169 of Valley's population.

Valley offers 1,459 day classes and 623 evening classes. Kenneth Palmer, dean of Evening



FRED MACHETANZ

Instruction, also said that Valley holds approximately 30 evening classes off campus.

The LACCD fall enrollment coincides with a nationwide increase of 4.7 percent in community college attendance. Statistics show that about one of every 10 college students in the United States this year is enrolled in a California community college.

## Small voter turnout again

## Last day of ASB election

By KAREN BAGHAMIAN  
and BRIAN DEAGON  
Staff Writers

Voting ends today for Associated Student Body Executive Council positions for the Spring '82 semester. Early in-

dications were that voter turnout was about one percent, which has been the average for ASB elections in the past three to five years.

Steven Appleford, commissioner of elections, expects this

semester's turnout to be even lower, largely because candidates who are running for unopposed positions are not campaigning. Of the eight positions open, only one is being challenged by two people.

"No one is campaigning," Appleford said. "The students don't know or care about what's going on (with student government). The people who run for office should get out, campaign, and get others involved. How can they expect students to get involved if they don't get involved?"

Raymond Follosco, Coordinator of Student Affairs, feels although ASB participation is low, "the need and the value still exists."

"People are torn between school activities and their own interests," said Follosco. "They are pulled away by other priorities."

According to Follosco, the average age at Valley used to be 19 years. Now the average is 29, and students have more

priorities and outside interests.

"Yes, it's bad that we have a low turnout," said Follosco, "but we're still able to accomplish our goals, and that's what's important."

"Students also aren't voting because they don't know who the candidates are," Appleford said. "It's almost a waste of time to hold elections."

Last spring, free popcorn and cola were given to students who voted in the student election. Appleford believes that even though this device boosted voter turnout, it still left students uninformed.

To be eligible to vote, a student must be a paid ASB member, which raised the question from one non-voter, "Why must we be paid ASB? We are students here," he said.

Three voting booths will be open until 1 p.m. The booths are at the flagpole, the Satellite snackbar area near Behavioral Science Building, and the Life Science area.

## Distribution of Crown starts on campus today

By BRIAN DEAGON  
Editor-in-Chief

Crown Magazine is slated for delivery to Valley College today, and distribution to students should begin immediately, according to staff members of the feature magazine.

Copies will be available free to students with a paid ASB card and \$2 for all others. Two-thousand copies were printed, and will be distributed in BJ-114 and at other locations on campus.

Co-editors David Blumenkrantz and Karen Snyder

oversaw the entire production of the 40-page magazine, which was staffed entirely by students of Valley's Journalism Department.

Included in the publication are articles on "New Wavers and Punks," video games and the military, and a photo essay on the Santa Monica Pier.

Adviser for Crown, Prof. Edward Irwin, also announced the new editor for the Spring '82 semester.

Steven Appleford, former managing editor and staff writer

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## Student stress factors assessed from survey

By JEFFREY FIELDS  
Staff Writer

Financial worries and chronic car troubles are among the top stress-producing factors for students at Valley College, according to the findings of a Mental Health/Counseling Needs Assessment survey completed under the direction of Counselor John Workman.

"In order to develop a greater understanding for student needs," said Workman, "the study was undertaken to find out which stressors were most distressing, and what kinds of counseling interventions and strategies might be most appropriate and effective in meeting those student needs."

The study began in the Fall of 1980 and findings were released

at the California College Personnel Association's recent fall conference in La Jolla.

124 students, randomly selected from five health classes at Valley, were utilized as a sample population for the survey.

"With respect to demographic variables such as age, sex, and socioeconomic status," said Workman, "it was felt that these students would be representative of the population of students at large because health is a general education requirement and day and evening classes were employed."

A two-pronged approach was used for the survey: first, the sample student population was given an objective stress ques-

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**GET CROWN** — Karen Snyder and David, Blumenkrantz, co-editors of Crown, smile big upon completion of the feature magazine, available today.

## Final Exam Schedule

The date and time of the 1981 Winter Semester final exams are determined by the hour and day the class meets.

CLASS	FINAL
7 or 7:30 a.m. - W, M, F	F, Jan. 29 8-10 a.m.
7 or 7:30 a.m. - T, Th	Th, Jan. 21 8-10 a.m.
8 or 8:30 a.m. - M, W, F	W, Jan. 27 8-10 a.m.
8 or 8:30 a.m. - T, Th	Th, Jan. 28 8-10 a.m.
9 or 9:30 a.m. - M, W, F	F, Jan. 22 8-10 a.m.
9 or 9:30 a.m. - T, Th	T, Jan. 26 8-10 a.m.
10 or 10:30 a.m. - M, W, F	W, Jan. 27 10:30-12:30 p.m.
10 a.m. - T, Th	Th, Jan. 21 10:30-12:30 p.m.
11 or 11:30 a.m. - M, W, F	M, Jan. 25 10:30-12:30 p.m.
12 or 12:30 p.m. - M, W, F	F, Jan. 22 10:30-12:30 p.m.
12 or 12:30 p.m. - T, Th	Th, Jan. 28 10:30-12:30 p.m.
1 or 1:30 p.m. - M, W, F	F, Jan. 29 1-3 p.m.
1 or 1:30 p.m. - T, Th	Th, Jan. 21 1-3 p.m.
2 or 2:30 p.m. - M, W, F	M, Jan. 25 1-3 p.m.
2 or 2:30 p.m. - T, Th	T, Jan. 26 1-3 p.m.
3 or 3:30 p.m. - M, W, F	F, Jan. 22 1-3 p.m.
3 or 3:30 p.m. - T, Th	Th, Jan. 28 1-3 p.m.

Classes which meet only one day per week (modular classes) will have their finals at the regular class meeting time between January 21 and January 27 except Saturday classes which will have their exams on Saturday, January 30.

Classes of less-than-semester length (4, 5, 6, 8, 9-week classes) will have their final exam at the last meeting of the class.

All 4 p.m. and evening classes will have final exams the first class meeting after January 20.



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## Something amazing

Shhh! There's something amazing at Valley College — possibly the best kept secret in Southern California. What's puzzling is how it carries on so discreetly.

To the north of campus, it's evident in the Arts, Theater Arts, and Music Buildings, where students have performed professionally and placed their departments on the stage of national acclaim.

To the east, it's at the Child Care Center — a model program which has provided professional and personal child care while parents attend classes.

Sports lie to the south, where Valley's baseball team has etched its prominence in California.

Moving west is the Valley Star, which has earned state and national awards every year since 1954.

Valley's nursing program is nationally

recognized and serves as a model for similar programs.

The best kept secret at Valley is professionalism. It abounds on every corner of campus, yet, it remains largely unseen.

A student new to Valley, for instance, might not know of Valley's professional counseling, both psychological and academic, or be aware of its low crime rate compared to the surrounding community. He might not know of Valley's unique and original marching band, the prosperous student government, or the excellent teaching in history, sociology, business, the sciences, and other disciplines.

Star finds Valley's excellence remarkable. We're not sure how it remains consistent, but we feel it will carry on. If our readers know the secret to this excellence, please let us know. If we missed someone or something, write us!

## CLASS REUNION

## Rock and role high school

By DAVID SCHAMUS  
News Editor

It was a rather innocuous, plain looking envelope, but it carried a punch — a forcefulness, that triggered a series of memories that flooded me with emotions.

"Dear class of 1972," it started. "Remember jammed lockers, crowded hash lines, smoking in the bathrooms, cramming for tests or just sharing lunch with a friend? Life seemed so simple then but times have changed, people grow up, and life is much more fulfilling in many ways. Ten years have already come and gone and it's time to share our new lives with those special people of the past."

Perhaps, for people with

thanks to my tennis coach, physics teacher, and algebra teacher at North Hollywood High School.

Without the disillusioning blows they dealt my ideological, naive sense of dedication, I would never have developed success-oriented goals that are rooted in revenge. Instead I might still be suffering with goals that are rooted in a natural desire to grow and learn.

A second harsh reality was the fact that it was impossible to be friends with people in more than one clique. Being seen at the tree or table of another clique was grounds for excommunication from other groups.

But high school wasn't all bad. After all, there were drugs at

frustration that was brought on by oppression.

Today, not owning a hot tub is grounds for feeling oppressed.

Despite these bitter memories of my high school years, there's no way that I'm not going to attend my high school reunion. There's a lot of people I would like to see again, particularly a girl with long black hair, the voice of an angel, long legs, and

Ahh, nostalgia.

## THOSE DISGUSTING HABITS

## Smoking's understated danger

By LARRY URISH  
Staff Writer

Everybody has bad habits, and I'm no exception.

I make slurping noises when I drink. I chew my nails. I crack my knuckles. And my knees. And my ankles. And my shoulders. Snap, crackle, pop.

Granted, habits like these are very often quite disgusting but smoking is a whole new ball game. To parallel this filthy practice with those other habits, as was attempted in a December Valley Star opinion, is a fallacy which shouldn't be printed without at least some sort of

response.

Like I said, many habits are pretty annoying, if not sickening. But does the constant stirring of coffee lead to lung disease? Will jingling extra change cause heart problems? Will anyone's life be shortened by watching a poor soul lick his fingers to turn the pages of a book?

No Surgeon General ever warned the public about the bad effects of drumming on desks, or of the risks involved with tapping one's feet. But we all know what the Surgeon General said about smoking. To deny the

placard reading, "Death to the murderers of our parents, brothers, and sisters," and displayed the hammer and sickle with a swastika in red. Other placards read, "The blood of Polish workers will never be forgotten or forgiven," also, "Down with Soviet Imperialism."

"How limited is a prison of the mind and body," Harvey said in a persuasive speech. "God will show us how to persevere in faith and dignity to extricate ourselves from the darkness that shrouds our planet. Freedom is indivisible — don't let Poland be martyred again."

Robert Dornan reached the

hearts of the Polish audience with "Communism is a malignancy and a curse — a cancer on the face of the earth; in its track it leaves death, famine, and the destruction of man's spirit — let's erase it together."

The response from the crowd rose to its highest point with a mass cry — "Free Lech Walesa."

After the burning of the Russian flag by Polish students, the Polish flag was raised 40 feet up in front of the City Hall, while the Polish national anthem was being sung en masse.

Tears welled in my eyes. How long — how long will human life and spirit be held hostage, while those who can still scream their defiance in parks, in streets, on platforms, in churches, and in print, lay back complacently, and say, "I am glad it is not here."

What if every man, woman and child went to sleep on a full stomach? What if medical attention were available to all, and each sunrise brought productivity of the body and spirit to all mankind? Then, the original concept of Marxism, Leninism, and communism would have fulfilled its ideology for the earth's inhabitants.

But, greed and the insatiable ego need for power that dominates man's soul has turned the Marxist philosophy into a universal death march to possible oblivion.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## El Salvador's real problem

Editor:

I am writing in response to Thomas Hernandez-Borjas letter concerning the teach-in on El Salvador.

Hernandez-Borjas has very emotional, yet uninformed views on the current situation in El Salvador. Hernandez-Borja considers the group which is trying to "seize power" in El Salvador a "Marxist" group. In fact, one of the major groups in opposition to the Junta is the Catholic Church.

If Hernandez-Borja had attended the teach-in he would have learned that the F.D.R. (Revolutionary Democratic Front), the strongest opposition to the Junta, is an umbrella group representing everything from the slum dwellers union, various trade unions, teachers unions, the Catholic Church, and yes, there are Marxist and communist groups. According to the U.S. State Department reports, the F.D.R. is supported by at least 80 percent of the Salvadoran population.

The current situation in El Salvador is such that the daily toll of political deaths average at 65, at least 80 percent are committed by government forces. These figures are from a report

released by the Archbishops committee on Human Rights in El Salvador.

Hernandez-Borja feels the situation in El Salvador will deteriorate into one comparable to that of Nicaragua. In July over 200,000 people lined the streets of Managua to celebrate the second anniversary of the revolution. When Somoza was overthrown, he emptied the government treasury and took as much of the money with him as he could, leaving the country in incredible financial straits. When economic aid from a country like the U.S. is refused (the U.S. also controls the I.M.F. and the World Bank) it will naturally be a long struggle for any government to gain prosperity for its people. If Hernandez-Borja considers the fact that since the revolution, the illiteracy rate has declined 60 percent, every one is entitled to free medical care, housing assistance and education, if he can consider this proof of a government oppressing its people, he is indeed entitled to his opinion.

Irregardless, however, of what my opinion of Hernandez-Borja's may be, the civil war in El Salvador is a very real thing and it is for the Salvadoran people, and only the Salvadoran

people, to determine their own fate.

JULIE SENDER  
Political Science major  
C.I.S.P.E.S.

## Only human

Editor:

In the Dec. 17 issue of the Valley Star a letter of mine was printed in our paper. It was about "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

In my article, one sentence was left out, words were mistakenly changed, and some of the context was hurt by this.

There is one main idea I would like to clarify. In a sentence that should have read "I have been on this campaign since fall of last year," instead it read "I have been on this campaign since fall of last year." I would like it to be known that I am not on any campaign!

When I complained in the Star office I was told "We are only human." I am aware of what it is to be human. But this is not an excuse for such errors. It is what we are but it is not a reason to stop striving for improvement. Professionalism is the goal.

Thank you.



Why don't we have a summit conference?  
I believe we have a lot in common.



## Federal funds aid machine shop

By JONATHAN MANN  
Staff Writer

This semester, LAVC's machine shop has been humming to a new tune — a tune worth nearly \$35,000. That sum is the combined price tag of 11 new pieces of equipment which the Engineering Department has acquired with funds provided by the Federal Vocational Education Act.

The machines include three lathes, one of which is worth \$17,000; two vertical mills, both worth \$14,000; and a device called an optical comparator used for inspecting machine-tooled objects, alone worth \$4,000.

Additionally, Valley's shop is now equipped with a tool and grinder cutter, a machine costing \$12,000.

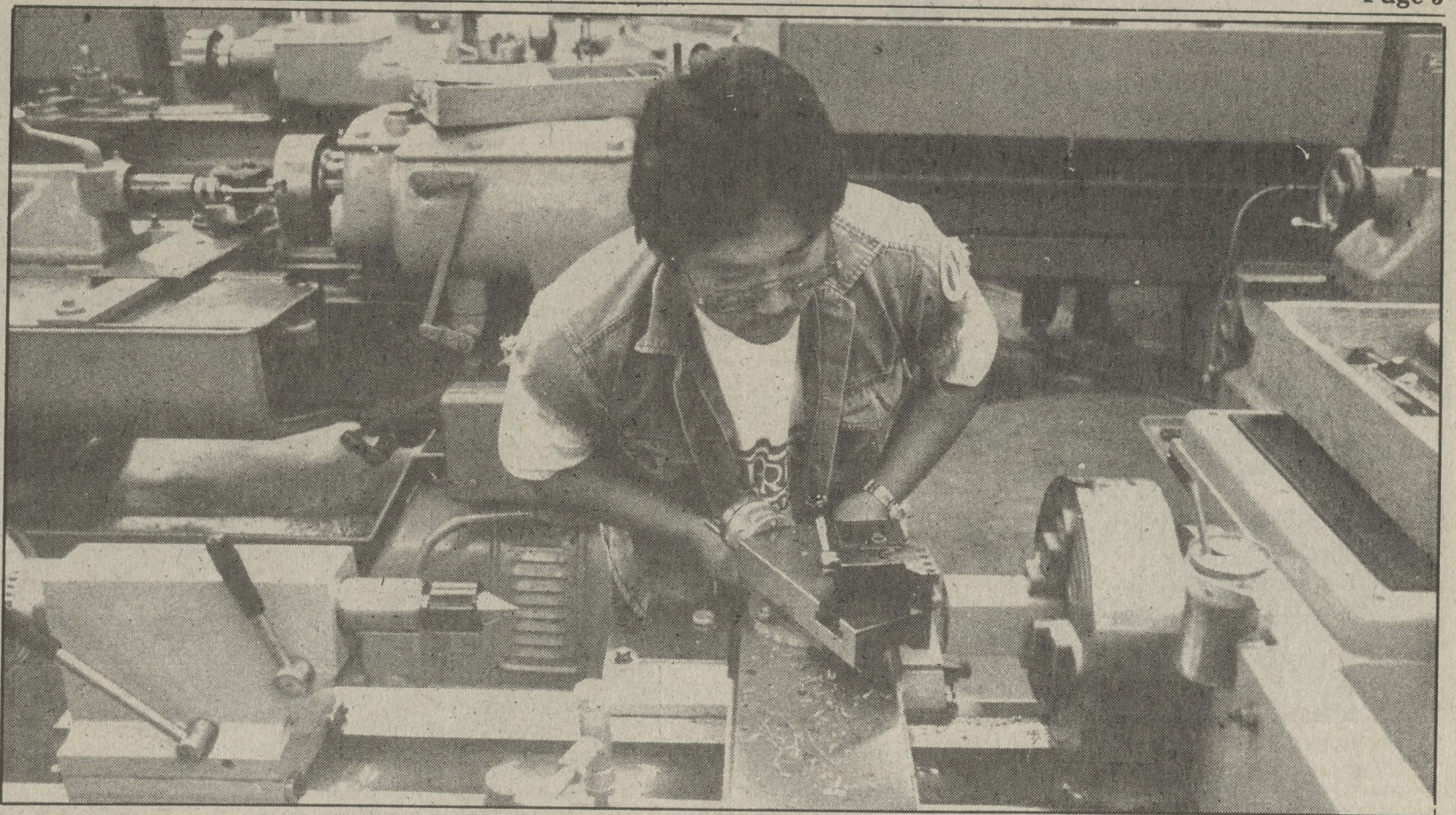
"There is a very high demand for people who know how to operate this machine," said engineering professor, Bill Lavoie, who was instrumental in obtaining the necessary federal funds.

Next month, the shop's technological level will be brought up to date with the addition of a \$35,000 Digital computer for numerical control programming. This will allow machine shop students to plot the movements of self-operating, servo-motor controlled machines in a shorter period of time.

"All companies are asking for this skill," said Lavoie looking very pleased with the new devices.

The addition of the computer will bring the total price of equipment purchased over the past four years to a total of \$135,000.

Lavoie, who teaches General Engineering along with Tooling and Manufacturing, believes that the new machinery should increase the ability of Valley engineering and machine shop students to find work in outside industry in a field where most experts agree a great need for skilled people exists.



NEW LATHE — Lance Toguchi uses one of 11 new pieces of equipment at Valley's machine shop.

Star photo by MICHAEL MacMARTIN

## Community service program available

The Winter 1982 schedule of the Los Angeles Valley College Community Services Program is now available on campus or by mail from Valley College.

The winter schedule lists the first of a quarterly offering of non-credit classes with respective fees to the community at large.

Valley's Community Services Program consists of many units: the On Campus Program, Outreach/Young People's Program, Senior Adult Program, Workshops and Cultural Programs, and the Recreation Program. Each unit offers a number of classes and events and processes its own registration which is already underway by mail. In-person registration begins Monday, Jan. 18.

The program caters to community members of almost every age and disposition from the two year-old aspiring gymnast to the health-conscious senior adult. Real estate licensees, would-be lyricists, ardent theater-goers, and expectant parents should also find classes to interest them this semester.

## Schamus to fill top Star editor position

David Schamus, news editor of the Valley Star, has been named editor-in-chief for the Spring '82 semester. Schamus will succeed Brian Deagon, current editor-in-chief.

Valley Star office in BJ-114.

"I think the staff is very qualified this semester," he said.

Schamus has served as news and city editor of the Valley Star in past semesters.



DAVE SCHAMUS

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### IN MEMORIAM

## Valley mourns three deaths

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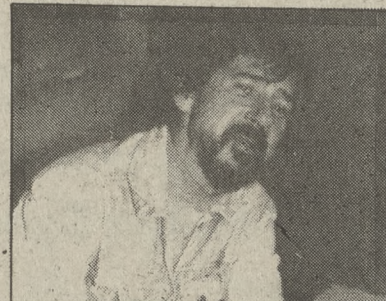
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Mr. Trierweiler, or Mr. T as he was affectionately called, died Dec. 21, 1981. A graduate from USC, Trierweiler last taught art history painting at Valley, his teaching career here

beginning in 1961. Trierweiler was a patient man, and served as teacher, counselor and friend to his students. Understandably, he was well loved.

In a letter of condolence to Mr. Trierweiler's mother, June Harwood, Chairperson for the Art Department, wrote, "Bill was a truly civilized human being and a gentle man."



WILLIAM J. TRIERWEILER

Mrs. Parker died Jan. 10, 1982. A memorial service was held at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church on Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Mr. Lawhead, who formerly taught real estate here, died from a heart attack on New Year's Day.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the funds, please contact the Business Office.

For instance, money worries and chronic car troubles plague most of us on limited incomes.

"It must be understood that an optimal level of stress must be reached in order for human beings to be alert and function at their best," added Workman. "Stress is not all bad. Without it our lives would be pretty much like vegetables."

The conclusion of the survey underscored the importance of not only counselors but also faculty members being alert to students with unusual stress problems so as to help them directly or refer them to where they can receive help. In this way, students remain more productive and creative in class and the dropout rate will be reduced.

### ... Stress control

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tionnaire (specific questions were answered from a specific choice of answers); second, they were given a subjective stress questionnaire where responses could be made to open-ended questions centering around stressful situations in their own or their friends' lives during the past year.

All administration, data collecting, scoring, and interpretative procedures were standardized and coordinated by one Health Department faculty member.

"Interestingly," said Workman, "the stresses experienced by students do not seem to be greatly different from what one might imagine to be the major stresses experienced by the community at large.

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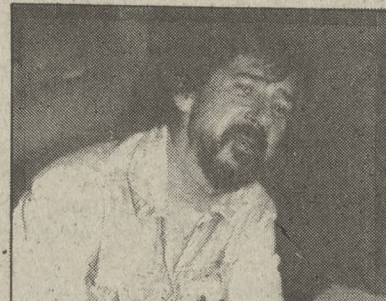
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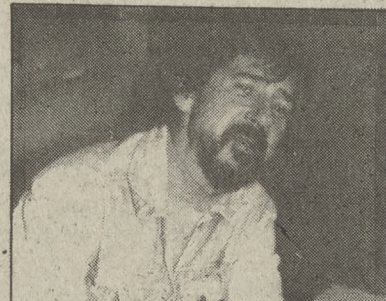
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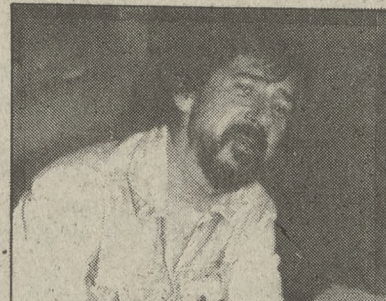
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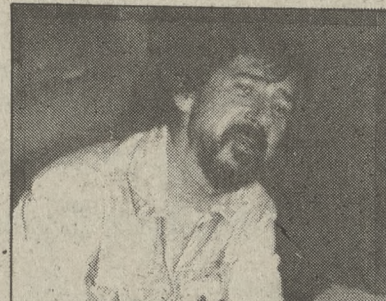
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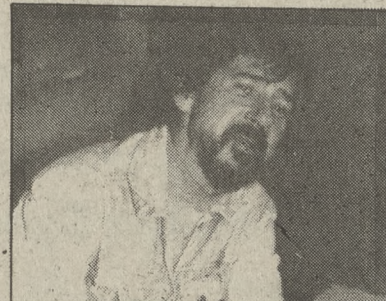
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LAVC's Studio Jazz Band will perform tonight at 8 p.m. in Monarch Hall. The Jazz Ensemble is scheduled to perform today at 11 a.m. in Monarch Hall. Star photo by DAVE HOLTZMAN

## Thursday evenings on station KVCM: local musicians have chance to be aired

By JOHN FLYNN  
Staff Writer

"Keep playin' that Rock n' Roll." That's a line from a 1972 Edgar Winter song and the sentiments of one John Springer of radio station KVCM at Valley College.

Springer, a broadcasting student and part-time disc-jockey at Valley, is hosting a radio show this semester that gives Valley students performing in bands a chance to be heard over the air-

waves.

The show airs every Thursday evening for half an hour beginning at 8:30 p.m. Springer said that he is able to play about three artists a show.

"I listen to all the tapes before they go on, however everything is played," explained Springer. "They are all well-produced, some better than others."

Springer says that the majority of the music submitted is Rock n' Roll with a touch of New

Wave and Jazz. He also adds that the show, being his own original idea, will continue at least through next semester.

"I think it's a good idea for local musicians to get some extra exposure," said Springer. "It also helps to promote some extra listeners for the radio show itself," he said with a smile.

Although the show is rolling

and the idea is a novel one, the number of tapes submitted is a little on the lean side (approx. 10 so far this semester). Some of the bands are actively playing in clubs around town, one being the group "Charlatan."

KVCM is a carrier current and is heard only within the limits of Valley College; 83 on the AM dial.

## Songwriter Buddy Kaye to teach lyric workshop

Buddy Kaye, songwriter and lecturer, will present a two-day, intensive study of "Method Songwriting" with sessions on Friday, February 5, from 7 to 10 p.m. and on Saturday, February 6, from noon to 5 p.m.

Mail-in registration for Lyric Workshop is now being accepted at Community Services Bungalow 30. The registration fee is \$35.

The non-credit workshop aims

## COTA to play Little Theater

By ROBERT WEAVER  
Staff Writer

The world premiere performance of a new work by Valley music professor Theodore A. Lynn will highlight the COTA Symphony Orchestra concert on Saturday, Jan. 23, at 8 p.m. in the Little Theater.

Lynn's piece, "Concerto for Oboe, Piano, and Strings" (1981), will be conducted by Don Ray and features Randall Lawson on piano and Kathy Robinson on oboe.

"I generally write very romantic music," Lynn said. "It's readily available to an audience's ears. Not avant garde."

To round out the program, Ray has chosen String Quartet #1 "From My Life," by Smetana, and an overture by Purcell.

Admission to the concert is free.

at presenting a step-by-step system of establishing a "blueprint" which capsulizes all of the basic concepts of songwriting, from developing song titles to creating a hit.

Kaye, co-writer of "The Old Songs," Barry Manilow's smash hit single, says: "If you believe you have talent, if you are truly interested . . . willing to learn . . . ambitious to succeed, I can teach you the 'blueprint' for the basic principles of professional songwriting."

Kaye's classic songs include: "Til the End of Time," "Quiet Nights," "Full Moon and Empty Arms," and "Twist Around the Clock." He has produced the lyric scores for 15 major motion pictures including the last two Elvis Presley films for MGM and Universal Studios.

## Mc Intosh to perform

The delicate sounds of Baroque harpsichord will be heard in a recital by Valley music instructor Kathleen A. McIntosh on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 11 a.m. in MG106.

McIntosh will perform solo pieces by Domenico Scarlatti. She will be accompanied by Lynn Schubert on pieces by Philidor and Telemann.

Schubert is on the faculty at UCLA and a member of the UCLA Baroque Ensemble.

This program was scheduled in place of the Duo Piano Recital which has been cancelled.

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## 'Gaslight' scheduled for early February

By ROBERT WEAVER  
Staff Writer

Dark houses with secret passageways and mysterious people with even darker secrets are in the realm of the Victorian thriller. They will be well represented when the Valley Collegiate Players (VCP) present the classic melodrama "Gaslight" Feb. 11-13 and 18-20 in Valley College's Horseshoe Theatre.

Once each year the Horseshoe Theater is given over to the VCP for the purpose of presenting a play directed by one of the students. Tracy Friedman, a second-year drama student, is directing this year's production.

Friedman described the play as a mixture of "comedy, suspense, intrigue, sex, passion, and poignant moments that should have people on the edge of their seats."

Many students will recall "Gaslight" as a popular 1944 film starring Ingrid Bergman in her first Oscar-winning role with Charles Boyer, Joseph Cotten, and Angela Lansbury co-starring. The play, written by Patrick Hamilton, had also been filmed in England in 1940.

Director Friedman promises that her production will be even better than the films.

"I can't wait to get started,"

Friedman said. "The cast is very excited."

The cast includes Pamela Stept as the frail, tormented wife; Jim Miller in the Charles Boyer role; Alain Wasserman as Inspector Rough; Nancy Kaine as the promiscuous, mischievous, housemaid; Peter Ackerman as the devoted house servant; and Perry Lambert makes an appearance as a policeman.

Friedman said she has been interested in the theater "all my life it seems," but this year she started getting into directing. She began work on "Gaslight" fresh from directing "Lights, Camera, Action," a set of three one-act plays by Robert Patrick, in Valley's Lab Theatre.

"It's a challenge that's new to me and I'm very excited," Friedman said. "It's really difficult, but rewarding at the end."

Friedman sees directing as her mainstream goal and plans to try her luck in New York next year.

"I'd like to get better at it, first of all," she said.

Admission to the play will be \$2 with proceeds going to support the VCP. Reservations can be made by phoning 781-1200, Ext. 351.

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## 'Reds' — 'far from polished'

By DAVID SCHAMUS  
News Editor

"Reds."

It's got a catchy name and big-name stars. It's got more than 3½ hours of run time and cinematography that is consistently breathtaking. It's even getting rave reviews, but despite all of these things, "Reds" is far from polished in its presentation.

What is particularly lacking in "Reds" is discretion in the cutting room. At 3½ hours, "Reds" is about an hour too long.

Perhaps like the idealistic journalist he portrays, Warren Beatty, who also directed and co-authored "Reds," got carried away with this massive production.

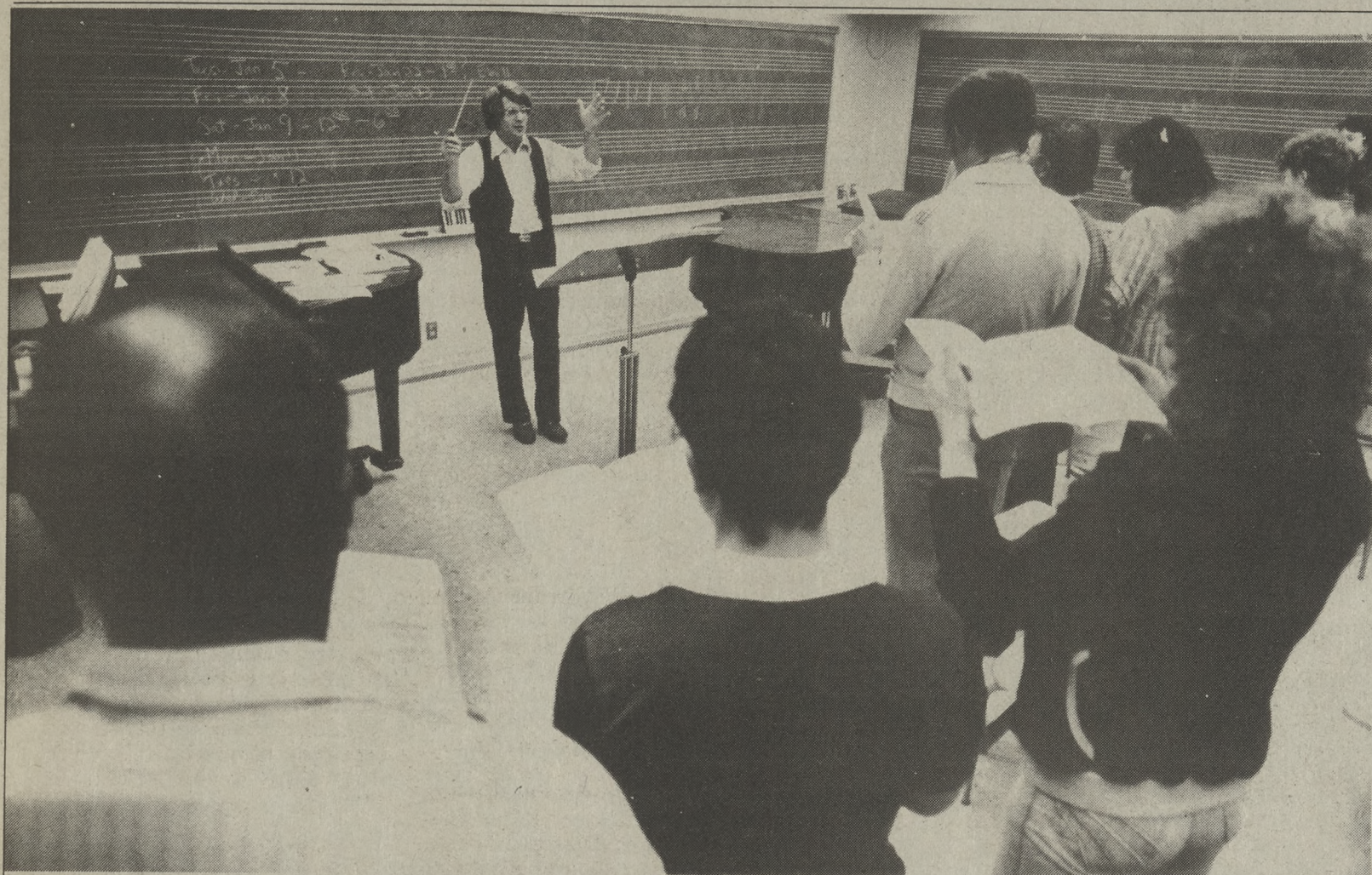
Surprisingly, neither Beatty, nor Dianne Keaton, who plays the part of journalist Luise Bryan put in career rivaling performances.

Despite its length and some minor inconsistencies in the plot, "Reds" is a visually captivating film. The cinematography is spectacular and, in places, solely supports Beatty's attempt to make "Reds" an epic film.

The scenes in "Reds" range from soft, almost impressionistic pastels to bold, intense scenes of color and light that are thoroughly consuming.

Unfortunately, the images are not always enough to justify the toll that indiscretions in the screen-play and editing take on this production. In taking on the roles of director, producer, lead actor, and co-author, it seems that Beatty may have become overwhelmed with his involvement with "Reds." The result is a movie that has enormous potential but fails to reach its mark by being grandiose.





## A night at the opera

LAVC's Opera company under the direction of Dr. Robert Chaules, will present Puccini's "La Boheme" on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 15 and 16, at 8 p.m., and again on Sunday, Jan. 17, at 2:30 p.m. in the Little Theater.



Star photos by MEL MELCON

## Simon's 'Gingerbread Lady' features excellent performances

By ARNOLD SOLOMON  
Staff Writer

Neil Simon's play "The Gingerbread Lady," now playing at the Shangri-la Theater in Reseda, is likeable and easy to understand.

The crises that arise in the lives of its characters can happen to anyone and the way they are handled—with humor and concern for each other—makes the characters very appealing; they seem to be such solid troupers.

The premise of the play is that we all are troupers, we survive the crises in our own lives and go on. And Simon makes a good case for the premise that we are our brother's keeper. His formula is that with caring and laughter we can get over the hard times.

This is solidly accomplished by excellent performances from the six-actor cast.

Irene Norman plays Evey Meara, a recovering alcoholic, with naturalness. Her two best friends, Jimmy Perry (John Thomas Hanson) and Toby Landau (Fiona Guinness) give performances of warmth and humor.

Evey's teen-age daughter Polly (Julie Marine) moves into Evey's apartment and Lou Tanner (Robert Gregory), an old boy-friend of Evey's, tries to come back into her life. A brief appearance by the delivery boy Manuel (Victor Garcia) rounds out the cast.

The plot centers around a middle-aged lady who has returned from drying out at a sanitarium for alcoholics. Her two closest friends rally around her somewhat nervous readjustment to everyday life and try to give caring support and love to her in this trying time.

The two friends, in the course of the play, face devastating crises in their own lives and it is from them that we learn about surviving and keeping the chin up and going on.

This premise of surviving

life's crises and going on is dealt with by Simon in a very entertaining way. The characters maintain their dignity while moaning and crying and this heightens the humor.

It's going to be reminded that a sense of humor can be a life-saving device. In the hands of this cast and director, it's

## Specials, English Beat highlight 'Dance Craze'

By MIKE BRAILER  
Staff Writer

When "Dance Craze," a concert film featuring British ska, a form of new wave music, opened its midnight engagement at the UA theaters, the management unwisely made the audience wait next to the line for the Led Zeppelin film, "The Song Remains the Same." I almost feared for my life.

Actually, nothing more serious than a little chauvinistic dialogue took place.

"You here to see 'Dance Craze'?" One Zep fan asked me. "What are you, a punk rocker?"

"I just like the music," I answered.

"Yeah, well, see Zep, man," he said. "Dance Craze" is gonna be out here in a few weeks, 'cause we (meaning all Zep fans, I suppose) run this theater."

He had a point (no, I don't think he runs the theater). Ska, like its older brother, Reggae, is having a rough time finding a large American audience. As a result, "Dance Craze," while an exciting film, may not last long enough to become a cult hit. Too bad.

The film features concerts by the Specials, the Selector, Madness, and the English Beat, groups with a small measure of popularity in America. (Listen for them on KROQ-FM). Two less familiar groups, Bad Manners (who come by their name

presented in a very palpable way.

The Shangri-la Theater is at 7130 Canby St., Reseda. The play runs Friday and Saturday, nights at 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. through Feb. 14. For reservations and information call (213) 882-4036 or (213) 709-9835.

honestly), and the Bodysnatchers (an all-girl group) round out the bill.

I was impressed with the cheerful energy displayed by the groups, who shared the stage with the "Dance Craze" cameras. The music is terrific, and perfect for dancing. In fact, while I was tapping my feet, others in the audience were moving theirs, as a small dance party broke out in one corner of the theater.

The film is not without its flaws. While three or four cameras (including the handheld, "jiggle proof" Steadicams) were used to capture the action, they aren't always in the right place at the right time. For example, the cameras seem fascinated with the Selector's Pauline Black, even when someone else in the band is singing lead.

Another low point comes when the filmmakers include an old Pathe' newsreel chronicling dance crazes from the early 60's. It's funny at first, but wears out its welcome after a while.

Still, I recommend "Dance Craze," which plays Fridays and Saturdays at midnight for a limited engagement" (UA's words), to both ska lovers and the simply curious, but heed the words of the Zep fan and see it soon.

Hear today. It may be gone tomorrow.



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**SKI MONARCH MOUNTAIN** — Curtis Hanna skis down Monarch Mountain located at the southeast side of Monarch Stadium. The class is Physical Education 277, also known as snow skiing skills. The class, which will continue in the spring, is taught by John Breckell and meets at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Star photo by ANTONIO ARIZO

## Track coach seeking determined athletes

By WENDY TABER  
Staff Writer

They've got the spirit. They've got the spunk. But most importantly they've got the sweat, which is one of the key elements that just may push LAVC's track team over the finish line first.

"We have two teams, a girl's track team and a boy's," explained James Harvey, head coach of both teams. "The girl's team is the best we've had in at least five years. The boy's team is thin but we do have some outstanding athletes on it."

Although the first competition isn't until Feb. 11, Harvey explained that the teams have been in training since September.

"We've been trying to get them off the ground," said Harvey. "And the girl's team is on the way up. The boy's team lost a lot of outstanding players last year so we've had to start from scratch. But luckily, there are quality people on the team."

Competition meets, or try meets, will be held every week throughout the season. Harvey explained that at these meets three schools compete against each other. The overall winner of these meets are the champs and go on to participate in competitions against other winners of different leagues. The winner of these competitions will then go on to the Metro Conference. "The Metro Conference has proven to be the toughest con-

ference in the country," said Harvey.

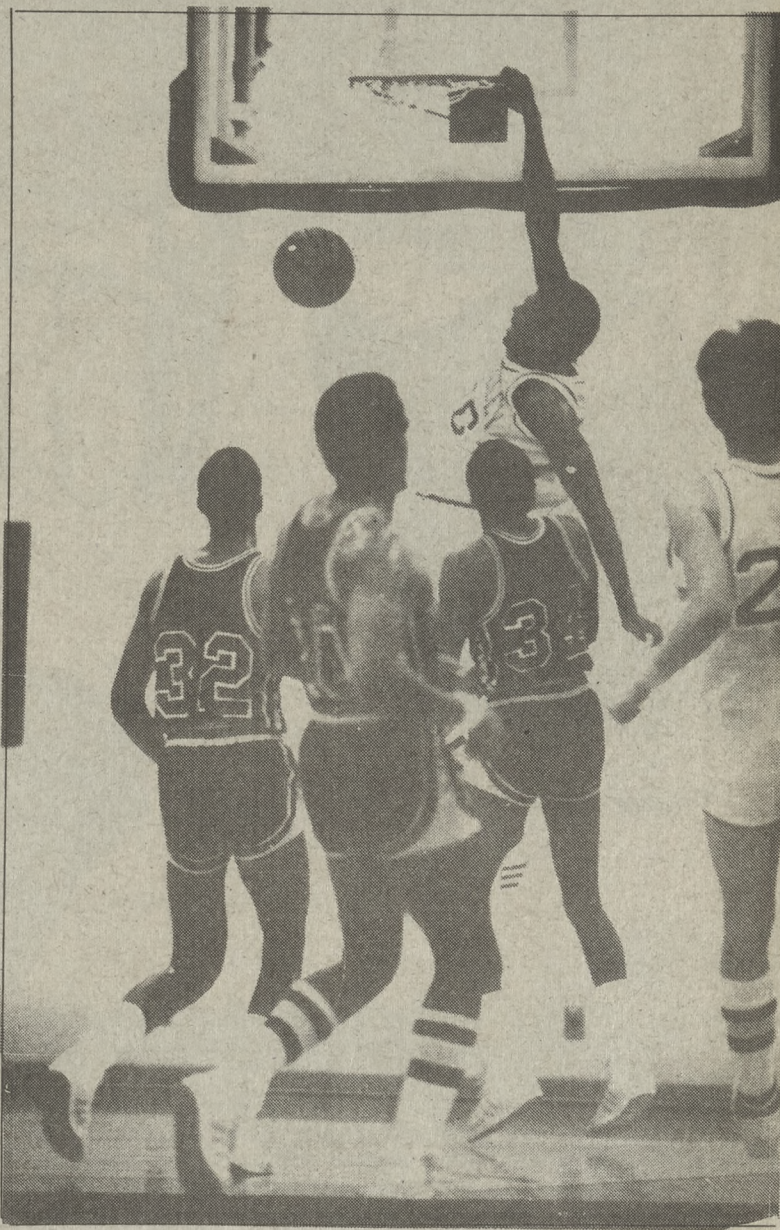
Hopefuls on the girl's track team include Joy Share, Cindy White, Sue Patterson, Kim Correia, and Colleen Paddon. Hopefuls on the boy's track team include Lawrence Robinson, Andre Stockton, John Lea, and Rich Brown. Some of the events are relay runs, meter runs, long jumps and high jumps, and javelin throws.

"We really have a very good program, but we have to get people to realize that we need a full-time coach," said Harvey. "It really pisses me off because we could have been winners if we'd had one. And we could be better today if we had one."

Harvey explained that the main reason why a full-time coach hadn't been hired was "because of the budget and other problems."

Students interested in joining the team are urged to get in contact with Harvey who can usually be found on LAVC's track and football field.

"We would like to see more people come and compete," said Harvey. "But, I'm warning, it is a very competitive team."



**JAMMIN JAMES** — LAVC forward James Fontenette displays his dunking technique at the Pasadena game. Star photo by MEL MELCON

## Athletic Briefs

Sign-ups are now being taken for the Spring Intramural Softball program.

This coed league, featuring ten-member battling order, will, according to Intramural Athletic Director John Stark, start sometime in early February.

Twelve players are allowed on each team. All interested participants can contact Stark in the Rec Room, or by calling 781-1200, ext. 420.

Valley College's womens basketball team will open its season with a scrimmage against Compton College on Friday, Jan. 29 in the Women's Gym.

The team will feature lots of talent, according to the squad's coach, John Stark, Director of Intramural Athletics.

"We have a lot of good prospects this year," he said. "We'll be suiting up 15 women for our games, and we have three returnees from last

year."

The home games, to be played in the Women's Gym, will be against other teams in the Metro League.

Stark said that the Lady Monarchs will feature a "running style of play."

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T-shirts commemorating Valley's recent 5K/10K run, at Griffith Park on Dec. 12, are on sale at the men's Athletic Department for \$3 apiece.

George Goff, Men's Athletic Director, said there are about 1,000 T-shirts left in sizes small through extra large. The T-shirts feature the chicken from "Chicken Natural," who sponsored the event.

"The money will go toward athletic equipment," said Goff, "which we are in dire need of."

For more information call the Men's Athletic Department at ext. 208.

## ... King's birthday

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encouraged to attend the individual activities at the discretion of their teachers." Dr. Lee said, "Officially, Martin Luther King's birthday is not a holiday for community colleges but is recognized as a commemorative day."

According to Stoffer, "I expect most teachers to cooperate by dismissing classes and bringing them to the program." Stoffer said she has talked to some teachers and many indicated that they will participate.

The ASB, through the recommendation of Rabbi Jerrold Goldstein, is prepared to fund future events for Martin Luther King's birthday, if it is not recognized as a national holiday, said Morris.

Roger Smith, president of ASB, said, "We hope to get a resolution passed by our council this week and send it to the President and leaders in Congress in hope of Congress passing legislation enacting King's birthday as a legal holiday."

## PROGRAM

9:00 - 10:00

Introductory Music Opening — "Lift Every Voice and Sing," United Gospel Voices

Welcome — Mrs. Barbara Stoffer LAVC Department of Black Studies.

Reading — "A Personal Point of View" by K. Benson.

Historical Overview, M.L. King's influence on Brown Americans. Dr. G. Miranda - speaker, LAVC Department of Chicano Studies.

Elections — United Gospel Voices.

10:00 - 11:00

Panel Discussion, "Historical Perspectives and Black Studies," Students From - Afro American Studies. Response - Chicano American Studies, Dr. G. Miranda.

Film — "Now Is The Time" — views of Black poets and writers from slavery to equal rights, Black Students Union of LAVC.

11:10 - 11:15

Recess.

11:00 - 11:45

"Dr. Martin Luther King - A Birthday Celebration" Roger Smith - ASB Student Government.

11:45 - 12:15

Film — "I Have A Dream." Demonstration, "Par Excellence of Education" Marcus Garvey School, Los Angeles.

Introduction of Speaker, Jamaa Umojah - Inc.

12:15 - 1:30

Main Speaker, "The Nightmare Of The Dream" Prof. Dr. Aynim, Marcus Garvey School, Los Angeles.

## Council resolves to petition state

By BRIAN DEAGON  
Editor-in-Chief

A resolution to devote the entire day of Jan. 15 to a celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday was passed by the Executive Council during their Tuesday meeting.

The council resolved that President Roger Smith would write letters to President Ronald Reagan, members of Congress, and state legislature on behalf of the council, urging them to observe Jan. 15 as a legal, non-school holiday for all students.

The resolution resolved that the council would present a vote to the students at the next scheduled student body election asking for a standing committee to facilitate activities in observance of Dr. King's birthday.

The council passed three other resolutions during the meeting in CC104.

The council resolved that "the Executive Council... supports the efforts of George Goff, President Mary Lee, and Roger Smith and the Valley College Athletic Department in their respective endeavors in relegating our football team from the Metro Conference to the Southern California Conference."

They also passed a resolution in support of the Equal Rights Amendment. The council resolved to join the ERA Campus Campaign and to work for ratification by: informing people of the need for ratification; supporting ongoing ERA efforts; and to oppose attempts to rescind or retreat from ratification.

Lately, the council resolved to provide the student member at the district's Board of Trustees with legislative powers, and joined with their student lobbying groups to enable full voting privileges for student trustees across California.

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